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MEYER'S LETTER

I wonder if you knew that one of the richest men in the world was 14 miles north of Norfolk, right here in Pierce? That man is the writer. I am just a common 'plug blacksmith', but eh! how rich.

"I go to my labors each morning, work until noon, go to dinner, return at 1 p.m. and work until 6 o'clock. I enjoy the greatest of all blessings, good health. Rockefeller would give all he possessed in money and holdings for my stomach, but he can't have it.

"Each day sees something accomplished and every job of work I turn out I feel I have done my customer a service worthy of my hire.

"I have a wonderful little wife. She has stuck to me 22 years, so I know she must be a dandy to accomplish that.

"I have a little home, a beautiful little daughter, a son grown to maturity and now in life's game for himself.

"Rich! Why, man alive, who can possibly be richer?

"Then to add to all the above riches I take my old shotgun in season and ramble through fields, woods and tangle in search of the elusive cottontail, teal and mallard with my faithful old pointer at heel (now past 11 years old), and he is as happy as I when on a hunt. Then, when I get back, oh, how good everything does taste.

"Then, when night has spread its mantle over this good old universe, I settle down in a good old easy chair, enjoy a smoke and then roll into bed and never hear a sound until the beautiful break of another day.

"Rich, did you say? Well, I guess Dollars? Not many. You inquire about RICHES, not material wealth.

"The height of my ambitions is to so live that I may have no regrets when the time comes for me to shuffle off this mortal coil, and I hope by that time to have accumulated just enough dollars that myself and mine may not be objects of charity.

"This, then, is my ideal of a rich man. If anyone enjoys life more than I do, he is to be envied for his riches. With kindest regards,

—EDWARD J. MEYERS.

THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down

To rise upon some fairer shore, And bright in heaven's jeweled crown.

They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread

Shall change beneath the summer showers

To golden grain or mellow fruit Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disintegrate

To feed the hungry moss they bear;

The forest leaves drink daily life From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall.

The flowers may fade and pass away;

They wait, thru wintry hours The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form

Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;

He bears our best beloved away, And then we call them dead.

He leaves our hearts so desolate,

He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;

Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers.

Though passed beyond our tear-dimmed sight,

'Tis but a larger life to gain; We feel their presence oft—the same.

Except to sin and pain.

And ever nearer, though unseen,

The dear immortal spirits tread For all the boundless universe

Is life! There is no death!

EDWARD BULWER-LYTTON.

U. S. Army Recruiting Station

The Army Recruiting Officer at 3rd & Olive streets, St. Louis,

has received a list of the owners of 4,800 unclaimed Liberty Loan

bonds of the second third and fourth issues, subscribed for by

officers and enlisted men during war by the army allotment

act. Although payment for

these bonds has apparently been completed, delivery has been impossible because proper shipping instructions have never been received from the allotter.

A large number of these bonds appear to be the rightful property of Missouri men and of men who served in Missouri organizations. Any ex-soldier or the beneficiary of any deceased soldier, who believes that the Finance Officer of the army is holding a bond which belongs to them may receive complete instructions as to how it may be procured by calling at or writing to the Army Recruiting Office, Room 403, Third & Olive Sts., St. Louis, Mo.

From Southeast Missouri Teachers College

Thad Snow of Charleston said the other day at Sikeston that Southeast Missouri sorely needs more man-power. He is right. Man-power is one of the greatest resources of any region. For this reason all southeast Missouri is vitally concerned in the growth of the State College at Cape Girardeau which must provide a college education for our young men and women. The Board of Regents is asking the Legislature to appropriate \$511,983 for the support and expansion of the State College during the next two years. The items in the budget are as follows:

For Salaries	\$370,000
To erect and educational building	200,000
To erect a small hospital building	30,000
For extension and correspondence work in rural centers	15,000
For deficiencies in coal funds	16,241
To purchase coal for the next biennial period	15,000
For repairs and remodeling	10,000
For furnishing new buildings	10,000
For laboratory supplies and equipment	12,000
To purchase books for the library	5,000
For additional stacks in the library	5,000
For supplies for the training school	2,000
To pay for paving and walks	842

Missourian to Head Philippines

Charles E. Yeater, an 1880 graduate of the University of Missouri, formerly of Sedalia, Missouri, will have the honor of acting as governor-general of the Philippines for a short time, until a new governor-general is appointed to succeed Francis Burton Harrison, the present governor. Mr. Yeater, who was recently in Columbia, has served for several years as vice-governor of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri.

From Kinsley, Kansas.

We are still in Kinsley and will be for a few months yet. Have bought land in Hamilton county and will move out there this spring.

Crops were good, but the farmers can't sell on account of car shortage. Some farmers have their 1919 wheat, many have all of the 1920 crop. The growing wheat is in good condition. The corn was good. It is a common thing to see from 1,000 to 3,000 or 4,000 bushels in a field with no protection at all.

We have had a fine winter. I have only lost three or four days on account of bad weather this fall. I am working at my old trade—bridge building. We are completing a bridge over the Arkansas river. It is a reinforced concrete structure. The piles were 30 feet long, caps 24 feet wide, 3 feet high and 16 feet long. The floor is in two pieces for each panel of 16 feet. The slabs are 24x16. Each slab has a ton of reinforcement in it, and the rest of the structure in proportion. The work was commenced last February and it will take the rest of this month to complete it. An average of about twenty-five men have been at work on it, so you will have some idea of the structure.

We go from here to Larned to build a small bridge. It won't take long there, and this will be of interest to your readers. I will close hoping The Press will continue to come. Yours truly,

G. A. Cubbison,

Box 65, Kinsley, Kansas.

M. U. Student Relief Quota \$12,000

A quota of \$12,000 has been assigned to the University of Missouri by the student relief fund of the Hoover-American Relief Administration, which is feeding the stricken people of Europe. A total of \$1,000,000 is expected to be collected from American colleges and universities for the relief work. In an effort to raise as much of the quota as possible, students of the University put on a theatrical performance.

Obituary

Daniel Rhodes was born April 8, 1858 on the farm near Beasville, where he died November 23, 1920, aged 62 years, 7 months, and 15 days.

He was married April 2, 1882, to Martha E. Masters. This union was blessed with 8 children, two sons and six daughters: Miss Ida M. Rhodes, Mrs. Myrtle E. Myrick, Mrs. Maud E. Linley, Chas. E. Rhodes, Mrs. Rhoda E. Masters and Ira C. D. Rhodes, all of whom reside in St. Louis, and Mrs. Lulu C. Zimmerman of Glen Allen, and Mrs. Effie E. Shrum of Shrum.

He leaves, besides his widow and eight children, six grandchildren and one brother, George Rhodes, and a host of friends to mourn his departure. He was a devoted husband and father.

His illness was of long standing, but he bore his suffering bravely and was prepared to meet his God.

Never more will his mortal form gladden your homes, but he is now with the shining angels around the throne of God.

Everything that loving hands could do for his relief was done, but all was unavailing, for God had chosen him for His own.

Bro. Rhodes said he was ready to go, that his way was clear.

Home is broken up without father, but God in His infinite wisdom doeth all things well. He can bind the broken ties. He can all our sorrows heal. So bear up bravely, mother, children, and when He sees fit to call us from our earthly abode we can clasp hands with father never more to say farewell.

Father, thou wast meek and lowly.

Gentle as the summer breeze Pleasant as the air of evening As it floats among the trees.

F. M. Robins.

Ready for 1920 Income Taxes.

U. S. Collector Geo. H. Moore announces that his staff of Internal Revenue officers will come to assist taxpayers in preparing returns for 1920. The Collector has divided the district into zones and has assigned a schedule to be followed by his deputies.

The Federal income tax law requires a return to be filed with the Collector by every single person residing in the district who has a net income of \$1,000 and by every married person living with husband or wife who has a joint net income of \$2,000. In order to make a correct return, taxpayers are requested to prepare a statement showing receipts from all sources during 1920, and also a statement showing allowable deductions, and to have all this data with them when they appear before revenue officers, thus facilitating as much as possible the task of preparing their returns.

All persons who filed returns for 1919 or prior years are expected to file returns for 1920, for if they should not file for 1920, their names will appear on the list of taxpayers subject to investigation.

Deputy Collector, Frank A. Brannock, has been detailed to assist the taxpayers of Bollinger county, and following is the schedule: Marble Hill, Feb. 1, Lutesville, Feb. 2 and 3, Zalma, Feb. 4.

Oil Gusher Brought in at Eldorado Arkansas

Eldorado, Ark., Jan. 11.—The population of the city and vicinity will in the next few days have tremendous increases added to the rush of people for some time pouring as a result of bringing in gas wells and drilling in the field, this new increase being as a consequence of the Mitchell-Bonham well on the Armstrong lease coming in as an oil gusher with an estimated production of from twenty to forty thousand barrels per day.

This is the first real well to come in in Arkansas.

There are three gas wells, one mile south of the gusher spouting

small quantities of oil. Samuel T. Busby of this city is the largest holder in the new gusher.—Dexter Statesman.

A Prescription

If you are poor—work.

If you are sick—continue to work.

If you are burdened with seemingly unfair responsibilities—work.

If you are happy—keep right on working. Idleness gives room for doubt and fear.

If disappointments come—work.

If sorrow overwhelms you and loved ones seem not true—work.

If health is threatened—work.

When both failers and reason fails—just work.

When dreams are shattered and hope seems dead—work.

As if your life were in peril! It really is.

No matter what ails you—work.

Work faithfully—work with faith.

Work is the greatest material remedy available.

Work will cure both mental and physical afflictions.—Exchange.

"I Am the Farmer"

"I am the provider for all mankind. Upon me every human being constantly depends.

"A world itself is built upon my soil, my produce, my harvest.

"Essence of my industry, America, my country, leads the world.

Her prosperity is maintained by me, her great consumer in the work of my road hands, her reliance of trade springs from the furrows of my farm.

"My reaper brings food for today; my plow holds promise for tomorrow.

"In war I am gloriously in peace. I am in indispensable my country's greatest defense and constant reliance.

"I am the very soul of America, the hope of a race, the balance wheel of civilization.

"When I prosper, men are happy; when I fail, all the world suffers.

"I live with nature, walk in the green fields under the golden sunlight, out in the great shade where brain and brawn and toil supply mankind's primary need. And I try to do my humble part to carry out the great plan of God.

"Then the birds are my companions; they greet me with a song when the new day dawns and chime with me until the evening prayer is said.

"If it were not for me the treasures of the earth would remain securely locked, the granaries would be empty frames, and mankind would be doomed speedily to extinction or decay.

"Through me is produced the corn which maintains the stock of life.

"I rise with the early dawn, and set when the shadows of the world are done.

"I am your friend.

"I am the Farmer." Exchange.

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From St. Genevieve Herald.

It is almost too good to be true, but the news comes that the I. S. railroad will begin operation within the next thirty days, and that workmen are already beginning the task of putting the rolling stock and the road in readiness for the start.

This is good news to the people of St. Genevieve and also to all the towns along the line, for the discontinuance of the road has marked a hardship on some of the towns whose enterprises depended mainly upon the road for incoming and outgoing sources of supplies. Over at Sparks, Ill., the people are preparing plans for a reunion and jubilation celebration, to which citizens all along the line of the Illinois Southern Railway from Bloomington to Salem will be invited. It is the intention to have the celebration on the first day the first passenger train is again to be run over the road, which has been idle since December 12, 1919.

Cape San.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Jan. 8. Justice is said to be tardy but in Judge Almon Ing's court here all speed of courts circuit court records were broken when R. L. Kinnard of Doniphan, Mo., was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Ing just 15 hours after his arrest on a charge of forging a check for \$38.50.

Kinnard was arrested at six past, Thursday afternoon at Neosho, a few minutes after he had visited the State Bank of Neosho, Mo., in which a check for \$38.50 was drawn on the Bank of Poplar Bluff and signed by James R. Hogg.

The check was cashed by Arthur Moore, cashier of the bank, who knew the signature of Mr. Hogg, the present sheriff of Butler county, and who immediately got in touch with the sheriff from telling him of the alleged forgery. Sheriff Hogg detained Kinnard, who was found at a hotel in Neosho.

He was brought here Thursday night and given a preliminary hearing yesterday and just one hour later at ten o'clock was sentenced by Judge Ing in circuit court to five years in the penitentiary. He pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him and attempted no defense.

Illmo Jimmlicute.

There has been nothing doing at the well for the last week, the hooks necessary for getting out the drill not having arrived. The managers expect to get the drill out in a short time after the necessary hooks are received and as soon as necessary repairs can be made, drilling will start up again.

A Proposition Containing Headaches.

The hardest task which will confront the state legislature will be the passage of a measure outlining the way in which the money derived from the sale of the \$60,000,000 road bonds will be expended. Home pride is a very fine thing and every one of the 114 counties in the state of Missouri possesses it in abundance when it comes to demanding that its county get a concrete highway. Counties placed on the primary system as recently outlined by Mr. Malang are satisfied and are holding meetings expressing satisfaction. But other counties are not and they are also holding meetings at which plans are being made to

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fight and fight hard. Every road association ever formed, projected or dreamed of has taken a new lease on life. And the members of each of these associations are firmly convinced that their routes are the best ones for concrete surfacing.

The average legislator is probably a shrewd realist as yet how far this fight has progressed. Let him step into a newspaper office and read one or two hundred ex-chapters. Then he will know and then his head will begin to ache for he will know the mass of propositions he will be forced to study if he conscientiously wishes to perform his duties to the number of enemies he will make as with a single vote.

Take the best idea of Governor Gardner that the improvement of Missouri's roads be looked upon with a broad view of benefit to the whole state and the similar position of the state highway department, very few papers in Missouri are thinking along these lines. The whole proposition rapidly is developing into a fight of every county for itself and chaos seems imminent.—Missouri State Journal.

Representative Stephens of Chicago has proposed that the Volstead act be suspended for thirty days to permit the objects to drink on the liquor law hold to be suspended. He argues that less money then would be needed for enforcement of the act. The truth is that the proposition is that with the Volstead law suspended, for fewer persons would be thirsty. Man always is especially anxious for what he cannot get or should not have and is never so happy as when breaking laws for which he has no respect. Missouri State Journal.

The annual and former students of Southern Methodist schools will hold a banquet at Fidelitytown Monday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. This banquet is a get together meeting of the students of Andover, California, Marvin, Central and Howard Payne colleges, in the interest of the great educational movement of the church. Every graduate and former student is urged to attend. Good fare, good music and good speeches. They should send word to Mrs. Charles B. Andrews, for reservation, with names. Come. B. W. Loomis.

The Western Tie & Timber Co., of St. Louis, according to reports has filed application with the Federal Power Commission for a preliminary permit for a water power project to be erected on Current river near Red Rock, below Eminence. Action on the permit will be taken January 20, 1921. Engineers have made a temporary survey of the dam site and other details are being worked out in anticipation of the Federal government's permit to erect the dam. The company proposes building a transmission line from the plant to Poplar Bluff, as the Southeast Missouri distribution station, it is said. The Western Tie and Timber Company being one of the largest corporations in Missouri, gives the project sound financial dignity. The building of this line and the offering of power at the attractive figure at which it would sell would mean the building of a great manufacturing center in this section of the state.—Current Local.